



2019 Charles Vineyard Pinot Noir, Anderson Valley

WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

The Charles Vineyard Pinot Noir is our flagship Pinot, crafted from all four clones grown in our estate vineyard in Boonville, in the Anderson Valley appellation.

Fruit arrived from the vineyard via tractor (no trucks). It was hand-sorted, then added to fermentation bins with 30% whole clusters.

We have never inoculated on-site, using only native yeast and native malolactic strains. Punchdowns were done by hand. We then pressed everything in a traditional, wooden basket press.

The final wine was aged in French oak barrels for 11 months, then bottled unfined and unfiltered, as we do with all our Pinot Noirs.

Vintage 2019 commenced with a very wet winter (we recorded nearly 70" of rain at our property in Anderson Valley, Mendocino County). Record snowfall hit the Sierras during the winter and early spring, and the vineyard received enough moisture that irrigation wasn't necessary until late July.

Spring and summer 2019 were cool and even, and the vines set a healthy crop. We dropped fruit in a couple of blocks to ensure ripening was even and balanced. A few August heat spikes caused alarm, but a healthy leaf canopy protected the fruit from sunburn. Despite the cool spring and early summer, heat in August caused harvest to arrive at an average timeframe in September.

Clones: 777, 114, 115, Pommard 05

Alcohol: 13.5%

pH/TA: 3.8/5.4

Barrel Aging: 43% new French oak barrels

Ingredients: Grapes, sulfur dioxide

Suitable for vegetarians and vegans

Cases Produced: 360 (12, 750mL bottles)

Release Date: January 2022

Suggested Retail Price: \$52

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All hands are welcome on the sorting table!